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SUBJECT: POUCH VIOLATION AND SUSPECTED COMPROMISE

1. ON JUNE 20, 1977, WHILE DISTRIBUTING MAIL FROM UNCLASSIFIED POUCH BAG C&R PERSONNEL DISCOVERED CLASSIFIED (UP TO SECRET) MATERIAL AMONGST MATERIAL BEING SORTED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MATERIAL, UNEVELOPED, WAS TAKEN FROM AN UNCLASSIFIED POUCH RETRIEVED FROM SOVIET CUSTOMS AFTER TWO DAYS OF RETENTION.
2. MATERIAL APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN USSR ON JUNE 18 ABOARD PAA-044 IN ONE OF SEVENTEEN POUCH BAGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. AMBASSADOR TOON IDENTIFIED MATERIAL AS BEING NOTES/CORRESPONDENCE THAT HE HAD LEFT AT EUR/SOV FOR FORWARDING BACK TO MOSCOW. EMBASSY C&R PERSONNEL WERE NOT ABLE TO CLAIM POUCHES UPON ENTRY IN USSR BECAUSE AIRWAYS BILL DID NOT ACCOMPANY THEM. POUCHES WERE THEN REMOVED BY SOVIET CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN WHOSE CARE THEY REMAINED. ON JUNE 20 EFFORTS WERE AGAIN MADE TO OBTAIN POUCHES, THIS TIME WITH SUCCESS.
3. GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT POUCHES WERE IN SOVIET CUSTODY AND THEIR APPARENT ARRIVAL AT EMBASSY UNENVELOPED STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT MATERIALS WERE COMPROMISED.

4. OM FOLLOWS DETAILING APPROPRIATE FURTHER INFORMATION, AND ENUMERATING SUSPECTED COMPROMISED ITEMS.

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